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Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, Editor
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Dear Mr. Vaughan:

Through contact with many of the citizens of Appomattox County, it has been brought to my attention that there is misunderstanding concerning the "notice of change in real estate assessed value."

The Reassessment facts are: 1. The Commissioner of Revenue and the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue is in no way responsible for county reassessment; 2. the State law required reassessment of all real estate at 100% of fair market value, to be completed prior to January 1, 1978; 3. the Board of Assessors, comprised of three county citizens and the reassessment officer began in 1976 to reassess property in Appomattox in compliance with Virginia State Law; and 4. the reassessment process was started in 1976, one full year before I took office in February of 1977.

If you have any questions concerning the values put on your land and buildings, then please take advantage of the opportunity to make an appointment with the Board of assessors and the Reassessment Official to go over your values. The number to call is 352-7065 before November 7, 1977.

Sincerely,
Monte W. Mays,
Commissioner of the Revenue

Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, Editor
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Appomattox, Virginia 24522

Dear Lloyd:

I would like to take this opportunity before the General Election on November 8th to present to the voters of this County some facts concerning the five bond referendums that will be on the ballot. The Virginia General Assembly voted to submit to the voters of Virginia five separate bond issues and these bond issues are wholeheartedly endorsed by Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr. Now that our representatives in Richmond have voted to submit this question to the voters and the chief executive of our state has endorsed all five bond issues, it is time for the people to decide whether to vote for or against these bonds.

The purpose of the referendum is to authorize the state of Virginia to borrow $125,000,000.00 to finance the five separate areas of need. These bonds will be sold through brokerage houses throughout the state of Virginia and elsewhere to any person wishing to invest money in interest bearing bonds. The money produced by the sale of the bonds will, in turn, be used by the state to finance necessary public services. The money borrowed will be repaid by the state to the investors from general state revenues over a period of twenty years.

The bond issues will finance urgently needed facilities at educational institutions. Enrollment in the state supported colleges and universities has jumped from slightly over 64,000 students in 1967 to 210,000 students now. The result is chronic overcrowding. Many classroom buildings, libraries and other facilities have become inadequate.

The second largest share of the bonds' proceeds is designated to the state's correctional system. We are all aware of the terrific problems in the correctional system which has seen over 1,200 felons sitting in local jails awaiting transfer to the state penitentiary system. Localities such as Appomattox cannot adequately handle these prisoners without the expenditure of large sums of money for expansion of existing jail facilities. In addition, the Commonwealth has had to resort to rising inmate population.

The bond proposals also include a $4,000,000.00 expenditure for mental health and mental retardation facilities. The bond proceeds will be used for land acquisition, site preparation and plans for regional training centers for mentally retarded, particularly children, and these centers will provide quality care for the mentally retarded and training centers close to their home communities. The bond proposals also include $5,000,000.00 for improvement of state parks and recreational facilities. Adding $3,605,000.00 in federal matching funds and $850,000.00 in state recreational access funds, there will be a total of about $9.5 million available for parks. Part of this expenditure is slated for Holliday Lake State Park in our county ($145,000.00 for beach bath house, concession, and office and visitor center renovation).

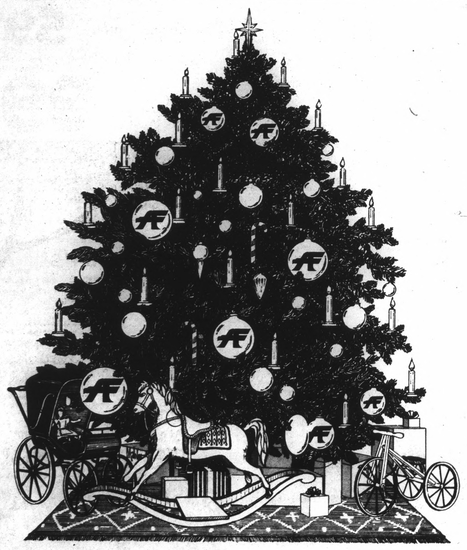
Finally, voters will be asked in November to approve $8,000,000.00 in bonds to improve facilities in the port at Hampton Roads. The ports handle $484,000,000.00 of exports and imports each year, supporting 356,000 jobs and generating $3,000,000,000.00 in wages and $150,000,000.00 in state and local taxes. The port at Hampton Roads even means money and jobs for this area.

It might be interesting to the voters of Appomattox to know what organizations have endorsed the bond issue. Some of these of interest locally are, as follows: The Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, Virginia Beef Cattle Association, Virginia Dairymen Association, Farm Bureau, Virginia Education Association, Agri-Business Council, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Board of Visitors.

Additionally, every candidate, both Democratic and Republican, on the ballot on November 8th, has endorsed the bond issue. Even John Dalton and Henry Howell agree on these bond issues are best for Virginia!

Space does not permit me to go into each of these bond issues completely, but if any person is interested in additional facts, I have them available at my office. Frankly, when I was first asked to assist the organization known as "Virginians for Bonds," I was a little skeptical about the need for these expenditures, but, after a careful review of all of the facts, both pro and con, I am convinced that this is a worthwhile project and I encourage the voters of Appomattox County to vote "yes" to each of the bond issues on November 8th.

Sincerely,
William S. Kerr



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WHAT WE REALLY NEED

Lesson for November 6, 1977

Background Scripture:
Luke 10:13-17
1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Devotional Reading:
Mark 2:23 through 3:6

An artist was busy at his easel while a prominent woman posed for her portrait. "Mind now," she called to the artist, "make sure you do me justice." "Madame," he replied, "it is not justice you need, but mercy!"

Rev. Althouse

So do we all, although often we do not realize it. Ironically, it often seems that it is the righteous man who asks for mercy, while the unrighteous—who often does not know he isn't righteous—demands justice! God grant that we may never be judged with justice, for what we need is mercy.

The indignant official

It is because people fail to recognize that they themselves need mercy that they are often so unmerciful to others. The story of the indignant ruler of the synagogue in Luke is a good illustration. There are three principal characters: the ruler, Jesus, and a woman who has been unable to stand up straight for eighteen years. Seeing this bent and afflicted woman, Jesus felt immediate compassion for her and called her to him. "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity", he says, as he lays his hands upon her. Although she had been crippled for eighteen long and painful years, we are told: "and immediately she was made straight...."

What a wonderful and moving scene it is! One can hardly help sharing the joy she experienced and the satisfaction felt by Jesus and his followers. Either "Hallelua!" or "Whoopee!" would seem more than appropriate under the circumstances.

But into this joyous scene there enters a dark, angry cloud: "...the ruler of the synagogue, being **indignant** because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people: 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day'" (13:14).

Right but wrong

Well, he was right, wasn't he? According to the religious laws of Israel there was to be no labor at all on the sabbath. The sabbath was to be kept sacrosanct. After all, there are six days on which we can work. Surely after waiting eighteen years to be healed, there would be nothing wrong in waiting one more day!

The ruler of the synagogue was certainly in the right. He had the religious laws on his side and all authorities would have agreed with him. Yet, despite all this "rightness," he was wrong! He was wrong because he put rules before people, traditions before human needs, reason before compassion and "being right" before being merciful.

In a few words Jesus devastated his "rightness," reminding him and the whole congregation that, if it was acceptable to help a poor beast on the sabbath as an act of mercy, how much more it is acceptable to help a human being.

What all of us need is not justice, but mercy.

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EXTENSION AGENT

As we move into the winter months thoughts turn to things of warmth - warm clothes, warm foods and warm homes. Not since World War II has there been such a demand for wood stoves. A publication is available from our office that discusses the types of wood stoves that are on the market, their efficiency and even their safety. One of the important considerations is the kind of wood and whether it is dried or green. Dry wood produces more heat and less creosote.

Someone penned some thoughts titled "Fireplace Logs" that may interest you.

Beechwood fires are bright and clear
If the logs are kept a year.
Chestnut's only good, they say
If for long it's laid away.
Birch and fir logs burn too fast,
Blaze up bright and do not last.
Elm wood burns like a Church-yard mold;
E'en the very flames are cold.
Poplar gives a bitter smoke
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Applewood will scent your rooms.
With an incense like perfume.
Oak and maple, if dry and old,
Keep away the winter cold.
But ashwood wet and ashwood dry,
A kind shall warm his slippers by.

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If you are one of the many young persons entering farming, why not enroll in the Farm Management Institute for Beginning Farmers. It will be held at Virginia Tech over a period of three weeks: January 3 - 13, 23 - 27, and February 6 - 10, 1978.

The Institute is limited to 30 persons. Cost is $250.00 plus meals and personal expenses.

A letter and brochure is being mailed to those we know that are in the category of beginning farmers. If we overlooked you, ask for this information. Those attending last year gave this program a very high rating.

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If you will be preparing tax returns for others this year, you'll find the 1977 Farm and Small Business Income Tax Conferences helpful. The closest one to this area is Natural Bridge, Nov. 21 - 22 and again Nov. 28 - 29.

Detailed information is available on these conferences from this office.

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On October 26 the Appomattox State Police Headquarters recorded 1.60 inches of rain. This is the first time as much as 1.0 inches of rain has been recorded in a 24-hour period since April 12. That's 196 days between really significant periods of rainfall. I'm of the opinion that we can now say the drought is broken.

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Next Tuesday, 1:30 - 3:30, at District Extension Office - Main Street, there will be a program on tax management for farmers. There are management functions that are open to farmers that will help reduce taxes. Plan to attend this program.

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If you saved $100 a month with a 5.5% return for 15 years; and then started withdrawing $100 a month at the end of the second 15 years you would still have $27,000 in your account.

Now, there aren't many who can save $100 a month - but maybe $50 or $25 and the final amount would be ½ or ¼ the amount in the illustration. The important thing is a systematic savings plan.

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PRECIPITATION:

This Week	
This Month	
This Year	

Gladstone Baptist To Have Revival

The Gladstone Baptist Church will observe Homecoming on Sunday, November 6th with Sunday School at 10 a.m. and the morning worship service at 11 a.m.

The Rev. Clarence Davis, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Vera, will be the guest speaker for the Homecoming Service.

All members, former members, former pastors, and friends are invited to join in for this Homecoming Day in Gladstone.

The Homecoming Dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. at the Fire House in Gladstone on Route 60. The Gladstone Church is presently in a building program and are striving to raise $2,000.00 on this Homecoming Day toward the expenses of this new building. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

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Snell Named Assistant Officer

NEW ORLEANS - Midshipman Lt. (j. g.) Nathan Snell of Evergreen, has been named Assistant Operations Officer of the Tulane University Naval R.O.T.C. Unit.

Midshipman Snell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Snell of Evergreen, is a senior majoring in political science at Tulane.

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